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The GLC Program

Global Leadership Center (GLC) is CCF's very own discipleship resource to help you grow in your walk, start a group, and help others start their own group.

ENGAGE

Build relationships
and share Jesus with
others

EDIFY

Grow together in a
Discipleship Group

EQUIP

Start leading a
Discipleship Group

EMPOWER

Help others start their
own Discipleship
Group

A SIMPLE TRAINING ROADMAP
TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH THIS
JOURNEY OF FAITH IN CHRIST

GLC
LEVEL 1

GLC
LEVEL 2

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DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

engage

build relationships and
share Jesus with others



edify

grow together in a
Discipleship Group



Hey, Sis!
Do you want to
know more about
Jesus and the
Bible?



Dleader/
Dmember

Okay! When
can we meet?



Guest,
family
or friend

Bro! Are you
interested in
joining a Dgroup?



Dleader/
Dmember

Game!
Where do
I sign up?



Guest,
family
or friend

TOOLS FOR YOUR JOURNEY:

Best Decision Tract
Real Talk Booklet

TOOLS FOR YOUR JOURNEY:

Real Talk Booklet
True Life Retreat
GLC 1

equip

start leading a
Discipleship Group



**You're ready to
start leading your
own Dgroup, brother.**



Dleader

**Really? But,
how do I
start leading?**



Dmember

TOOL FOR YOUR JOURNEY:
GLC 2

empower

help others start their own
Discipleship Group



**Can you help
your Dmembers start
their own Dgroup?**



Dleader

Sure!



Dleader

TOOL FOR YOUR JOURNEY:
GLC 3

OUR TRAINING

GLC
LEVEL 2

GLC
LEVEL 1

ENTRY
OPEN TO ALL

► GLC LEVEL 1

Trainees at this level are taught basic Biblical truths and how to effectively share the Gospel **(Pray, Care, Share)**



MILESTONES



ENTRY

TRAINEES SHOULD BE DISCIPLING
AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE

► GLC 3 LEAD

ENTRY

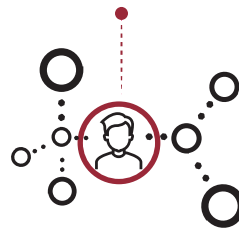
TRAINEES SHOULD BE FOLLOWING
UP AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE

► GLC LEVEL 2

Trainees at this level
are taught the right
doctrines and how
to start discipling
through a DGroup



Trainees at this
level are taught
how to be spiritual
multipliers



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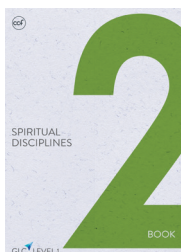
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EXPLAINS THE GOSPEL, THE BASICS OF THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE, AND CCF'S DNA.

EDIFY



ONE BY ONE

Explore how you can experience lasting change from the inside out through a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Make a positive impact on the world around you as you discover and live out the truth and grace of the gospel.



SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Learn about spiritual habits that, when practiced diligently will help you know Jesus more. Discover His will for your life through His Word, the Bible.



THE HOLY SPIRIT

Discover who the Holy Spirit is and the importance of the Spirit-filled life for every child of God. Understand the gifts and fruit of the Spirit and learn how to be more dependent on the Lord as you apply the truth about the Holy Spirit in your life.



CCF DNA

See the big picture of what Christ's Commission Fellowship is all about, discover our God-given mission, vision, and core values. Know how you are uniquely designed by God to take part in this lifetime of faith adventure of fulfilling God's Great Commission.

**OPEN TO ALL**

True Life, a two-day spiritual retreat, explores the meaning of a truly fulfilling life. Many seek happiness through worldly success, possessions, and relationships, yet these often leave a void.

The retreat emphasizes that it's faith in Jesus Christ alone that brings true life, one that's filled with joy, hope, and purpose. John 10:10, ("I have come that they may have life and have it to the full") highlights Jesus' promise of abundant life. Participants examine their hearts, share their stories, and discover the victorious life Christ makes available to all who believe in Him.

**OPEN TO ALL**

Coming to know Jesus as our Lord and Savior causes us to experience various changes in our lives, beginning with our hearts. Water Baptism is the outward expression, a symbol of what has taken place inside us when we accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord.

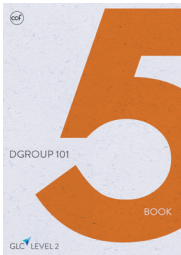
GLC LEVEL 1 COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed Books 1 to 4
2. Registered as a Dgroup Member
3. Attended / Commit to attend a True Life Retreat
4. Accomplished the LifeApp form (signed/attested by Dgroup Leader)

GLC LEVEL 2

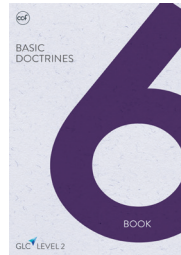
**OPEN TO ALL GLC LEVEL 1 FINISHERS
AND DGROUP LEADERS**

TRAINS YOU HOW TO START A DGROUP,
NURTURE YOUR FAMILY, AND KNOW THE BASIC
DOCTRINES OF OUR FAITH.



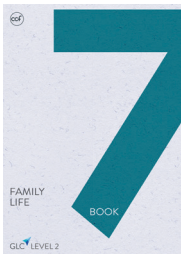
DGROUP 101

Learn about how we grow in a Dgroup that is faithful to Christ's design and is truly transformative.



BASIC DOCTRINES

Discover the foundational doctrines behind the Statement of Faith which we believe and profess.



FAMILY LIFE

Be a blessing to your family and lead them to Jesus as you become a Christ-like spouse, sibling, and child.



BIBLE SURVEY

This module presents an extensive chronological overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

GLC LEVEL 2 COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed all GLC LEVEL 1 requirements
2. Completed Books 5 to 8
3. A Dgroup leader with at least 2 members
4. Accomplished the LifeApp form (signed/attested by Dgroup Leader)

EMPOWER



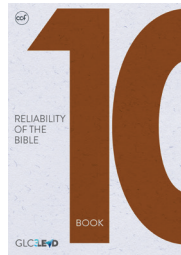
OPEN TO ALL DGROUP LEADERS WITH ACTIVE MEMBERS

TEACHES CCF DGROUP LEADERS HOW TO BETTER MENTOR, COACH, AND EMPOWER THEIR MEMBERS TO START THEIR OWN DGROUP.



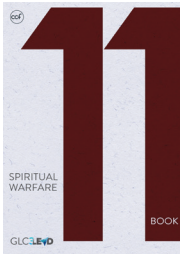
THE MULTIPLIER

Be equipped to lead with Christlike character and multiply leaders for God's glory.



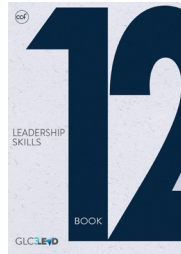
RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE

Discover why the Bible is truly reliable and examine the historical accuracy of Scripture.



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

This module provides an overview of Biblical principles for winning in Spiritual Warfare.



LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Be equipped to lead others Biblically through mentoring, counseling, conflict resolution, and disciple-making relationships.

GLC3 LEAD COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed GLC LEVEL 1 and GLC LEVEL 2 requirements
2. Completed all sessions of books 9 to 12 *(or its equivalent)*
3. A Dgroup Leader with one timothy, discipling 2 members
4. Accomplished the LifeApp form (signed/attested by Dgroup leader)

WHAT'S A GLC LIFEAPP?



The end goal of discipleship is Christ likeness. The Christian life is not a “to-do” list; it is a moment-by-moment loving, relationship with our Heavenly Father. It is a life of faith and obedience as we follow Jesus through the discipleship path He has laid for us.

The GLC training curriculum aims for the life application of God’s Word. The Bible-based lessons are not merely for information, but for transformation. Hence, the GLC Life App is intended to ensure we apply what we learn.

**Download the
GLC LifeApp here:**

go.ccf.org.ph/LifeApp

GLC TRAINING PLATFORMS

GLC training is offered through different learning platforms so you can choose which one best suits your needs.



Make your “on-the-job” training experience more meaningful by joining face-to-face classes and interacting with GLC teachers and other trainees. Check out your local and international CCF satellites announcements and schedules.



Be part of a live online class and learn together in the comfort of your own home, office, or anywhere you are in the world. Check out your local and international CCF satellites announcements and schedules.



Learn together with your DGroup members as you meet for fellowship, accountability, and Bible study using GLC resources.



Can't Attend GLC F2F and Zoom Classes? Choose the GLC E-Learning Self-Paced program that is designed to fit your busy schedule. Start your discipleship journey to be equipped on your own time, at your own place, and at your own pace.



Welcome Wednesday is a weekly Bible study community designed for those who want to grow in their Discipleship Journey.

Whether you're just starting your walk with God, asking questions, or wanting to grow deeper, this is a safe and encouraging place for you.

Through our Biblical Foundation Series, you'll learn more about who God is, what it means to follow Him, and be plugged into a Dgroup.

Biblical Foundations First-Timers Bible Study Series

This series is well-suited for those who are taking baby steps in their walk with Christ, or those who are simply curious and have questions about the Christian faith. Discover life-transforming answers from God's Word about the forgiveness of sins, heaven and hell, and the best decision you can ever make in this life and for eternity.

Biblical Foundations Follow-Up Bible Study Series

Examine more closely what you know and believe about the nature of sin and its effects on us; the characteristics of genuine faith in Christ and why salvation is free for us, yet has a very high cost that we cannot even pay for.

Holy Spirit

Discover who the Holy Spirit is and the importance of the Spirit-filled life for every child of God.

Galatians

The Book of Galatians is as relevant to us today as it was to the first Christians and within its pages we find important Biblical truths for the defense of the true gospel.

Evangelifestyle

A very important part of our relationship with Jesus is to take part in His mission to reconcile people back to our Heavenly Father. Here you will learn how to pray, care and share the love of Christ to family, friends and even strangers as you go about your daily life.

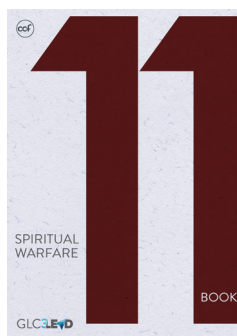
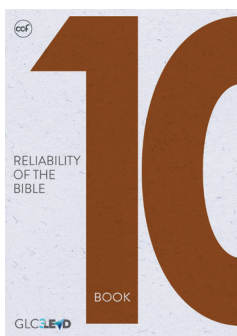
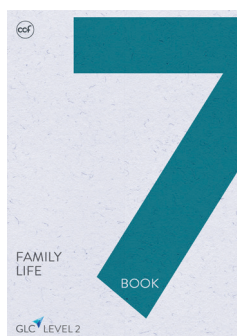
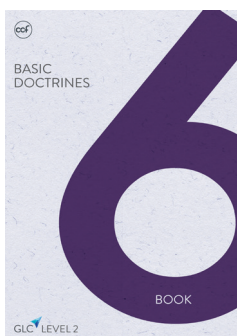
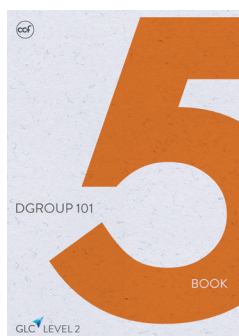
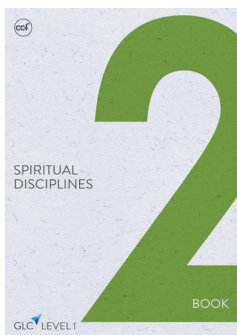
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Learn about spiritual habits that, when practiced diligently will help you know Jesus more. As you get to know Christ, you will also discover His will for your life through His Word, the Bible.

Membership (CCF DNA)

See the big picture of what CCF is all about, discover our God-given mission, vision, and core values. Know how you are uniquely designed take part in this lifetime of faith adventure of fulfilling Christ's Great Commission, and what it means to be a member of God's CCF family.

GLC TRAINING



MATERIALS



Want to get your own copy of the GLC Books?

You may send your request to glc@ccf.org.ph, and our team will gladly assist you with the details.

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INTRODUCTION

At some point in our faith journey, many of us quietly ask, “*Can I really trust the Bible?*” We hear different opinions, encounter challenging questions, and sometimes wrestle with doubts of our own. These moments don’t mean our faith is weak. Often, they are invitations from God to go deeper and seek the truth by studying the evidence for the reliability of the Bible as God’s Word.

Book 10: The Reliability of the Bible is designed to help us examine the foundation of what we believe. We will look at why Christians trust the Bible—not blindly, but after thoughtful consideration—by exploring evidence that reveal its trustworthiness and accuracy as God’s eternal Word. We will see how Scripture holds together historically, logically, and spiritually.

More than simply answering questions, this book aims to strengthen our confidence in God’s Word. As we grow in our understanding of the Bible’s reliability, we are also invited to grow in trust—trust that the God who revealed Himself through Scripture is faithful, consistent, and still speaking to us today on all matters of life.

HOW TO USE THIS WORKBOOK

This workbook is for the GLC Book 10: The Reliability of the Bible study. If you are a Dgroup facilitator, please make sure that you do a personal Bible study using this workbook ahead of your Dgroup meeting.

Encourage your group members to have their own workbooks. You may download the PDF version for free at glc.ccf.org.ph. Do not divert from the teaching topic – stick to what is in the workbook.

The workbook includes the Bible lesson, and individual and Dgroup learning activities to help you get the most out of your meetings. There are four parts in every session: Welcome, Talk About It, Apply It and Pray It.

Welcome —

Contains individual and small group activities that help prepare you for the Bible study.

Talk About It —

This is where you go through the Bible lesson with the group. This is also where the members of the group get a chance to express more of their insights, questions, and thoughts about the Bible lesson. They can do it in writing, doodling or drawing, and sharing with the rest of the group.

Apply It —

This section is accomplished outside the group meeting time. There are suggested individual or group Life Apps that will hopefully help you experience life transformation as you apply God's truth in practical ways.

Pray It —

Suggested prayer points based on the lesson asking for the Lord's grace in applying what has been learned after the study.

This workbook is just a tool. We need to depend on the Holy Spirit to teach us God's truth and transform our hearts as we go through the Bible studies.

So, come and discover the One who will change your life!

SESSION ONE

WHY WE BELIEVE THE BIBLE



Every person builds their life on something - whether feelings, opinions, or traditions – but not everything we believe is necessarily true. Truth is unchanging, not based on emotions or majority opinion, and as Jesus declared John 14:6, He Himself is the Truth.

That's why our faith must be anchored on God's Word, the Bible, which reveals who Christ is and provides solid foundation for what we believe. As we begin session one, we will discover why we can fully trust the Bible as God's true and reliable Word.

WELCOME



“Truth or Myth?”

There are 5 statements. Some are true, some are false. Go through the list of statement and write “Truth” or “Myth” beside each statement within 1 minute.

1. The Bible was written by over 40 different authors.
2. The Bible was written in one place by one person.
3. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and, the life.”
4. The Bible has been translated into more languages than any other book in history.
5. If the majority of people believe something, that automatically makes it true.

Learning Nugget

Just like our activity, life is full of different “truth claims.” But not all of them are correct. It is vital to know the difference between what seems true and what is truly trustworthy, especially when it comes to our faith. The Bible is that source. It is God’s unchanging truth that we can rely on completely.

IMPORTANCE OF TRUTH

TALK ABOUT IT

Why is truth important?

What do you believe?

Why do you believe what you believe?

Why is it important to believe what is true?

Why is truth important?

It affects your life, future and eternal destiny.

Facts do not
cease to exist
because they
are ignored.

- Aldous Huxley

Some truths about truth:

1

Truth does not _____
to exist even if you don’t
believe it.

2

Truth is not truth just
because the _____
believe in it.

3

Truth must correspond with _____.

4

Law of non-contradiction

Two contradictory or opposite truth claims cannot **both** be true at the same time in the same sense.

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me”. **(John 14:6)**

“— **Christianity, if false, is of no importance,
and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing
it cannot be is moderately important.** —”
- C.S. Lewis

¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;
(1 Peter 3:15)

Why We Believe the Bible

I. The Uniqueness of the Bible

- A. Written over a **1,600-year** span.
- B. Written by **more than 40 writers** from every walk of life (*from king to peasant, philosopher to fisherman*).
- C. Written in **different places** (*from Africa, Asia, Europe; from the wilderness, to a comfortable room, to a dungeon*).
- D. **No error** in its original form.

One Central Theme

God's _____ of man
– Jesus the Coming Messiah

II. The Accuracy and Reliability of the Bible

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| A. Bibliographical Test | E. Prophecy |
| B. Internal Evidence Test | F. Israel |
| C. External Evidence Test | G. Jesus Christ |
| D. Archeology | H. Resurrection |

A. Bibliographical Test

An examination of the textual transmission by which the documents reached the present.

1.

Was it copied or transmitted accurately?

2.

Were the documents written close enough to the recorded historical event?

3.

Is the time gap between the original document and its copies significant?

1. The Process of Copying: (OT)

- After the page was copied, someone would check to see what the middle letter was on the copy and the original.

- After a page was copied and checked, still a third person would check to see what the middle word was on the page.

- If a single error is found, the entire manuscript was **destroyed**.



Dead Sea Scrolls

The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls overturned decades of skepticism by critical scholars by demonstrating the accuracy of the Masoretic Text.

Prior to their discovery, the earliest known OT manuscripts dated to around 980AD. The Dead Sea Scrolls date from as early as the second century BC.

2. New Testament Manuscripts:

- We have over **5,800** partial or complete Greek copies and more than **19,000** other copies in different languages.
- No other ancient writing has anywhere near this abundance of existing manuscript evidence.

BOOK	AUTHOR	DATE WRITTEN	1ST COPY	TIME SPAN	# OF MSS
History	Pliny	61-113 AD	850 AD	750 yrs	7
Annals	Tacitus	90 AD	900 AD	900 yrs	1
Republic	Plato	427-347 BC	900 AD	1200 yrs	7
Metaphysics	Aristotle	384-322 BC	1100 AD	1400 yrs	49
Gallic Wars	Caesar	58-50 BC	956 AD	1000 yrs	10
History	Herodotus	480-425 BC	900 AD	1400 yrs	8
New Testament		48-80 AD	130 AD	80 yrs	24,633

“
The interval between the dates of original composition and the earliest extant (existing) evidence becomes so small as to be in fact negligible, and the last foundation for any doubt that the Scripture have come down to us substantially as they were written has now been removed. Both the authenticity and the general integrity of the books of the New Testament may be regarded as finally established.

—
- Sir Frederick G. Kenyon

Test of Canonicity:

- Authoritative - apostles?
- Eyewitness account?
- Consistent?
- Date of writings?
- Recognized and received by early church fathers?

Examples of “Types of Error”:

- Spelling, grammar, or punctuation that was changed or updated.
- Out-of-date phrases updated or words divided differently.
- A letter or a word that was omitted or was copied twice.
- Similar letters that were confused (ex. Solomon’s stables hold 4,000 or 12,000 horses?).

Not one of the so-called “errors” affects the claims that Jesus is God, was born of a virgin, did miracles, lived a sinless life, died on the cross for our sins, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, or is coming again.

LOST GOSPELS	DATE OF COMPOSITION
Gospel of Thomas	140-180 AD
Gospel of Judas	130-170 AD
Gospel of Mary Magdalene	120-180 AD

*NOTE: WRITTEN MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS LATER AS
COMPARED TO THE BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT*

Your notes here..

Simon Peter said to them ‘Let Mary leave us, for women are not worthy of life.’ Jesus said ‘I myself shall lead her in order to make her male, so that she too may become a living spirit resembling you males. For every woman who will make herself male will enter into the kingdom of heaven.’

– Gospel of Thomas

These ‘other gospels’ tend to date from later times. The Gospels of the New Testament, of course, were all written in the first century. The non-canonical Gospels start appearing in the 2nd century and they extend down through the Middle Ages (5th-15th century) and on until today.

– Bart Ehrman

Recently some Islamic apologists have been quoting from the so-called Gospel of Barnabas. Actually it is a forgery written in the 1300 to 1500’s that seeks to reconcile the Bible with Quran. Along with many other inaccuracies and heresies, it purports that Jesus is not the Messiah, that He did not die on the cross, and that the person crucified was Judas.

– Gospel of Barnabas

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is truth important in your everyday life? Can you share an example when knowing (or ignoring) the truth had consequences?

2. What makes the Bible different from other books?

3. 1 Peter 3:15 calls us to be ready to give a defense for our hope. How can understanding the reliability of the Bible help you share your faith with others?

APPLY IT

1. **Bible Engagement:** Read Psalm 19:7-11 or 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Write down what these verses teach you about God's Word and how it applies to your daily life.

2. **Practical Step:** Choose one specific area in your life this week (example: decision-making, handling stress, or relationships) where you will intentionally apply a truth from the Bible instead of relying on feelings or opinions. Be ready to share your experience to your Dgroup leader.

3. **Memory Verse:** 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – “16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

4. **Read the Bible:** If you haven't read the entire Bible, please make it a priority starting today. Read through the Bible every year!

PRAY IT

Lord God, we thank You for this time of learning and reflection. You reminded us that truth matters, and that true faith must be anchored on the solid foundation of Your Word. Thank You for showing us the uniqueness, reliability, and accuracy of the Scriptures, and for affirming that the Bible is not man's invention but Your revelation to us.

Help us to treasure Your Word, live by it daily, and share it with others with courage and humility. May our lives reflect Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

We commit everything to You,

In Jesus' name, Amen.

SESSION TWO

THE ACCURACY AND RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE



The Bible is unlike any other book – it claims to be God’s Word and gives us solid reasons to believe it. Its credibility is not based on blind faith but on evidence: eyewitness testimonies, historical accuracy, fulfilled prophecy, archaeological discoveries, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In this session, we will see how these truths strengthen our confidence that the Bible is reliable and trustworthy.

WELCOME



In groups of 3-4, share your responses on the following:

1. Why is it difficult for people to believe in the Bible?

2. What questions do they commonly ask about it?

Learning Nugget

It's clear that in today's world, people have many valid questions about the Bible's reliability. The very questions you just discussed are the ones we will tackle in this session. Our goal is to show that our faith is not based on blind belief, but on a solid foundation of evidence.

WHY THE BIBLE CAN BE TRUSTED

TALK ABOUT IT

II.

The Accuracy and Reliability of the Bible (continuation)

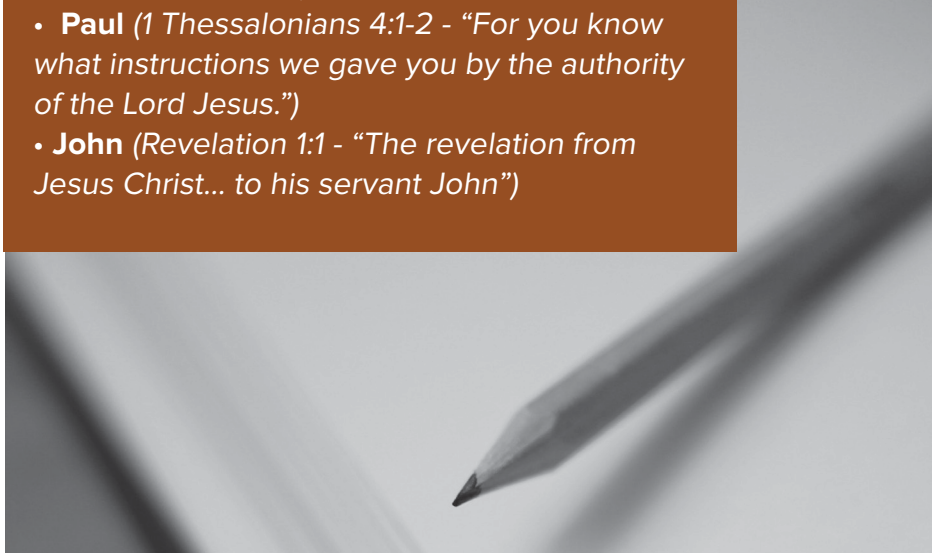
B. Internal Evidence Test

This determines whether or not the document, as a written record, is credible (accurate/true) by analyzing the ability of the writer or the witness to tell the truth.

1. Eyewitnesses accounts
2. Includes embarrassing details about themselves
3. Includes events about Jesus' burial and resurrection that they would not have invented.
4. Did not deny their testimony under persecution.

Authors claimed to be inspired

- **David** (2 Samuel 23:2 - *"The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me..."*)
- **Jeremiah** (Jeremiah 2:1-2 - *"The word of the Lord came to me..."*)
- **Paul** (1 Thessalonians 4:1-2 - *"For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus."*)
- **John** (Revelation 1:1 - *"The revelation from Jesus Christ... to his servant John"*)



Your notes here..

HOW THE APOSTLES DIED ACCORDING TO TRADITION:

James (son of Zebedee)	Beheaded
Bartholomew (Nathanael)	Crucified, Armenia
Matthew	Killed by a sword, Ethiopia
Andrew	Crucified on an X-shaped cross, Greece
Thomas	Thrust through with pine spears, India
Philip	Crucified, Turkey
Peter	Crucified upside down, Rome
Jude (Thaddaeus)	Crucified, Edessa
James (son of Alphaeus)	James (son of Alphaeus) Beaten, stoned, hit in the head with a club, Jerusalem
Simon the Zealot	Crucified, England
Paul	Beheaded, Rome



“ —
One must listen to the claims of the document under analysis, and not assume fraud or error unless the author disqualified himself by contradictions or known factual inaccuracies.
— ”
- John Warwick Montgomery

C. External Evidence Test

This inform us how the document aligns itself with facts, dates, persons from its own contemporary world.

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of **Tiberius Caesar**, when **Pontius Pilate** was governor of Judea, and **Herod** was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother **Philip** was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and **Lyسانias** was tetrarch of Abilene.

In the high priesthood of **Annas** and **Caiaphas**, the word of God came to John, the son of **Zacharias**, in the wilderness. (**Luke 3:1-2**)

“ —
The disciples could not afford to risk inaccuracies (not to speak willful manipulation of the facts), which would at once be exposed by those who would be only too glad to do so.
— ”
- F. F. Bruce

1. Secular sources

● Secular sources: Josephus

“At that time there was a wise man who was called Jesus... Pilate ordered Him to be condemned and to die. And those who had become His disciples did not abandon His discipleship. They reported that He had appeared to them three days after His crucifixion and that He was alive.”

● Secular sources: Tacitus

“**Christus**, from whom they got their name, had been **executed** by sentence of the procurator **Pontius Pilate** when **Tiberius** was emperor; and the pernicious superstition was checked for a short time, only to break out afresh...”

● Secular sources: Tacitus

“Therefore to scotch the rumor, **Nero** substituted as culprits and punished with the utmost refinements of cruelty, a class of men loathed for their vices whom the crowd styled **Christians**.”

● Secular sources: Pliny

“...they were in the habit of meeting on a certain fixed day before it was light, when they sang an anthem to Christ as God, and bound themselves by a solemn oath not to commit any wicked deed, but to abstain from all fraud, theft and adultery, never to break their word...”

2. Letters of Church Fathers

WRITER	TIME	GOS-PELS	ACTS	EPIS-TLES	REVE-LATION	TOTAL
Justin Martyr	100-165 AD	268	10	49	3	330
Irenaeus	130-202 AD	1,038	194	522	65	1,819
Clement of Alexandria	150-215 AD	1,017	44	1334	11	2406
Origen	185-254 AD	9231	349	8117	165	17922
Tertullian	155-240 AD	3822	502	2729	205	7258
Hippolytus	170-235 AD	734	42	414	188	1378
Eusebius	263-339 AD	3258	211	1680	27	5176
TOTAL		19368	1352	14905	684	36289

D. Archeology

Examples of archeological discoveries:

- Ebla Tablet (Genesis 14:8)
- Walls of Jericho (Joshua 6)
- Erastus Inscription (Romans 16:23, 2 Timothy 4:20)
- Pool of Siloam (John 9:7)
- Taylor Prism (2 Kings 19)
- Pilate Inscription (Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 18-19)
- Pool of Bethesda (John 5:2)
- Dead Sea Scrolls

E. Prophecy

- Tyre (Ezekiel 26:4, 12)
- Alexander the Great (Daniel 11:3-4)
- Edomites (Obadiah 1:3-4, 10)
- Medo-Persia & Greece (Daniel 8:20-22)
- Egypt (Ezekiel 29:9, 15)
- Moabites (Jeremiah 48:42)

F. Israel (Ezekiel 36:24, 34; 37:21-22; Jeremiah 16:14-15; Isaiah 66:8)

²⁴ For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land

³⁴ The desolate land will be cultivated... **(Ezekiel 36:24, 34)**



²¹ Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; ²² and I will make them one nation in the land...and they will no longer be two nations and no longer be divided into two kingdoms.

(Ezekiel 37:21-22)

Your notes here..

G. Jesus Christ

	Old Testament	New Testament
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Luke 2:4
Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22-23
Descendant of David	2 Samuel 7:11 -16	Matthew 1:1
Enter Jerusalem on a donkey	Zechariah 9:9 Daniel 9:25	Matthew 21:1-5
Time of the Messiah's coming / death	Daniel 9:24-26 Malachi 3: 1	Mark 15:19-20
Crucified and pierced	Isaiah 53:5-6	Matthew 26:28
Divided his garments	Psalms 22:18	Matthew 27:35
Buried in a rich man's tomb	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
Resurrected	Psalms 16:10	Matthew 28

H. Resurrection

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

⁶After that He appeared to more than five hundred

brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

⁷ then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;

⁸ and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

(1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

Your notes here..

Sir Lionel Luckhoo

Most successful attorney according to the Guinness Book of World Record, with 245 consecutive acquittals.

I say unequivocally that the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so overwhelming that it compels acceptance by proof which leaves absolutely no room for doubt.

– Sir Lionel Luckhoo

Dr. Simon Greenleaf

- Authored the classic A Treatise on the Law of Evidence
- Royal Professor of Law at Harvard
- Developed the “Rules of Evidence”

The resurrection is one of the best documented events in the history of man.

– Dr. Simon Greenleaf

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**You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is,
the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse.
You can shut Him up for a fool... or you can fall at His feet
and call Him Lord and God.**

– C.S. Lewis

Discussion Questions:

1. Archaeology and Prophecy: Which piece of evidence (archaeological discovery or fulfilled prophecy) strengthens your personal faith the most? Why?

2. Resurrection: Since the resurrection of Jesus is so well-documented, what does this mean for our faith and hope today?

3. The Bible's Reliability & Your Faith: How does learning about the reliability of the Bible impact your faith?

APPLY IT

1. This week, choose one piece of evidence (eyewitnesses account, secular historian, archaeological find, fulfilled prophecy, or resurrection proof and share it with one person (a friend, classmate, or family member) and explain briefly why it strengthens your faith in the Bible.

2. Share your experience at your next Dgroup meeting.

PRAY IT

Heavenly Father, we thank You for giving us Your Word that is both trustworthy and true. Thank You for the testimony of the apostles who stood firm even unto death, for the historical evidence that affirms the truth of Scripture, and for the discoveries and fulfilled prophecies that remind us that Your Word is reliable and unshakable.

You are the God of history, and every detail of the past and present is under Your control. Strengthen our faith as we reflect on these truths, and help us to boldly share the Gospel, knowing that it rests on solid ground and that our lives are part of Your great story.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



WHAT'S NEXT?

Book 11: Spiritual Warfare

As your confidence in the Bible grows, the next step is learning how to live out its truth in everyday life. Following Christ is not only about growing personally—it also means recognizing that we are in a spiritual battle, even if we don't always see it.

Many of the struggles we face in our thoughts, emotions, relationships, and obedience are connected to this reality. Ignoring it doesn't make it disappear; it only leaves us unprepared. But when we understand what's happening, we can stand firm in Christ and walk victoriously in His truth.

As Dgroup leaders, this is not just for our personal knowledge. We are called to help our members understand these things too — guiding them to stand strong in the Lord and to live with confidence in the victory Jesus has already won.

In **Book 11: Spiritual Warfare**, we'll learn how to do exactly that. Our prayer is that you will grow in discernment and courage, learning to walk in freedom in Christ—and helping others walk in that same freedom as well.

ANSWER KEY

Session 1 Welcome Activity Answers

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1. Truth.
2. Myth. Written over a 1,600-year span” by “more than 40 writers” from “every walk of life” and in 3 “different places.” (Africa, Asia, Europe)
3. Truth.
4. Truth.
5. Myth. Truth is not determined by majority opinion.

Some Truths About Truth

1. cease
2. majority
3. facts

One Central Theme:
redemption

APPENDIX A:
LAW OF
PROBABILITY
(PETER STONER)

Fulfilling 8 messianic prophecies: 1 chance in 1×10^{17}

- 1 peso coin 13-feet deep across Luzon, if blindfolded will pick out the 1 specially marked coin
- $1/100,000,000,000,000,000$

Fulfilling 16 messianic prophecies: 1 chance in 1×10^{45}

- Stack 1 peso coins on the sun 93 million miles in all direction, stack them 30x farther to have enough peso coins

APPENDIX B:
EXAMPLES
OF HISTORICAL
ERRORS
(QURAN AND
APOCRYPHA)

QUARAN

Surah 12:20, “[Joseph’s] brethren sold him for a miserable price, for a few dirhams counted out: in such low estimation did they hold him!”

The dirham (derivative of Greek drachma) didn’t exist prior to the 12th century BC.

According to Surah 12:41 and 20:71, the method of execution by crucifixion was practiced, during the time of Joseph (19th century BC) and Moses (15th century BC), by the Egyptians.

This mode of execution, however, was first invented by the Persians in the 6th century BC.

According to Surah 12:41 and 20:71, the method of execution by crucifixion was practiced, during the time of Joseph (19th century BC) and Moses (15th century BC), by the Egyptians.

The city of Samaria did not exist until several centuries after the Exodus. The Samaritans did not come to existence until an even later stage when the Northern kingdom was invaded by Assyria.

APOCRYPHA

The book of Judith incorrectly says that Nebuchadnezzar was the king of the Assyrians.

Baruch says the Jews would serve in Babylon for 7 generations where Jeremiah 25:11 says it was for 70 years.

APPENDIX C:

PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION

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1. Immediate Context
 2. Larger context
 3. Bible is one integrated book
 4. No contradiction
 5. Obscure passage interpreted by clear passages
 6. Genre - type of literatures; narrative, historical, poetic, doctrinal, prophetic, parables
 7. Interpretation based on genre - literal, metaphorical, allegorical, figurative

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